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Comical Canucks Shine in THE BEST OF THE FEST: CANADIAN **COMEDY AWARDS AND FESTIVAL 2008, March 28**

Shaun Majumder hosts the all-star lineup of Canadian comics including Sean Cullen, Dave Foley and Derek Edwards

Toronto, Ontario (March 16, 2009) - Canucks take centre stage in Best of the Fest: Canadian Comedy Awards and Festival 2008 premiering Saturday, March 28 at 10 p.m. ET/PT produced by Kevin DeWalt of Minds Eye Entertainment and Higher Ground Productions exclusively for The Comedy Network.

The one-hour special captures highlights of The Ninth Annual Canadian Comedy Awards and Festival, a laughter-filled, weekend-long event, sponsored by The Comedy Network. Best of the Fest: Canadian Comedy Awards and Festival 2008, is part of the SATURDAY NIGHT STAND-UP series, that showcases the biggest names, from the most critically acclaimed, to up-and-coming comedic trailblazers, with all-new, uncut, and totally uncensored stand-up specials.

Taped at Casino Regina, The Best of the Fest: Canadian Comedy Awards and Festival 2008 showcases some of Canada's funniest comedians. Hosted by Shaun Majumder, highlights of the special include hilarious acceptance speeches from Seth Rogen, Russell Peters, and Gavin Crawford; musical performances by Sean Cullen and Shaun Majumder, and killer sets from Peter Anthony, Jennifer Grant, David Merry, DeAnne Smith and Derek Edwards. The show also features cameo appearances by comedians Dave Foley, Gerry Dee, and CORNER GAS' Lorne Cardinal.

Produced in association with The Comedy Network by Higher Grounds Productions and Minds Eye Entertainment, The Best of the Fest 2008 is the latest initiative resulting from The Comedy Network's support of The Canadian Comedy Awards and Festival, which recognizes Canadian achievements in comedy at home and abroad. Established in 1999 by Higher Ground Productions, the Awards celebrate the best in 19 categories from film, television and stage. For more information or to RSVP please contact:

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